

Religious Education

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Letter from the
Coordinator

Dear Parents,

Happy Advent!

As we prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's birth, we thank you for making religious education a priority in your schedules. Taking the time to slow down this season and re-focus our lives on prayer & the gift of faith is so important to all of us.

Another way to bring the story of Christ's birth to life for our children is our annual Pageant.



Children's Christmas Pageant will be **6 p.m. DECEMBER 20** in the Church, with a cookie reception to follow in the Gathering Space. CRE Children will be narrators, portray Mary & Joseph, angels and other nativity characters, or be in the pageant choir.

Please complete the sign up sheet for the pageant and return it to Eileen, or email your choices by **DEC 9**.

Mary Ann Gavin will be coordinating this great performance. Doug Sandusky is organizing the music. Please see the sign up sheet for details and practice times.

I pray you all have a wonderful Advent and joyous Christmas celebrations with your families.

We will not meet for religious education during Christmas break; but will return on Sunday, January 10.

Merry Christmas!

Eileen Lindner
Coordinator of Religious
Education for Children

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Class sessions this Month:

Wednesday

- December 2
- December 9
- December 16

Sunday

- December 6
- December 13
- December 20



Advent Prayer

*As I await your coming, O Christ,
bless me with patience.*

*Do not let me become too anxious or
unsettled about all that needs to get done
before the celebration of your birth.*

*Let me instead remember that
all things happen in God's time, not mine.*

Amen.



**NO CLASSES
DECEMBER 21-
JANUARY 9**

**Enjoy your
Christmas vacation!**

The 6th annual OLP

COOKIE WALK

will be on

December 12, 2009

from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please sign up in the Gathering Space to bring your family's favorite Christmas goodies or to help sell them on Saturday!



Christmas Parties!

Religious Education classes will celebrate Jesus' birth during the last class before Christmas. Parents are invited stay for the session with your children.

The class will start as usual, meeting to sing in the Church to practice for Christmas Eve & the Pageant. We will immediately gather downstairs to listen to a story together, to remind us all of the reason for our wonderful Christmas vacations & celebrations. After the story, the Catechists will lead their classes in crafts, lessons & time to enjoy the potluck feast.

Please bring snacks (finger foods preferred) or drinks to share for the potluck.

**Sunday classes will celebrate on
December 20.**

**Wednesday classes will enjoy the
festivities on December 16.**

Merry Christmas!



Children's Liturgy



Thank you to the wonderful children and their families who took part in the Children's Liturgy on Sunday, November 22.

Alison Walter, Forrest Farris and Ashley Briscoe read with great confidence.

Jessica Cunningham, Lauren Auer, David Gardner, Peyton Gilbert, Sammy Jacobs, Caidan White, Brandon Bashaw & Maura Warnecke were excellent ushers.

David Gardner, Jimmy Moran, Sammy Jacobs, Emma Warnecke, Sara Moran, Jessica Cunningham & Lauren Auer were our gift bearers.

Brian Gillen, Kira Farris, Samantha Grobarcik, Deron Lawrence, Kimberly Cooper, Spencer Greenwood, Allison Savoy, Sophia Lawrence, Camden Lawhead, Sydney Fortin, Cheyanna Duran, Katie McCabe, Syndey Lei, Sunny Aikin, Rebecca Gardner, Sierra Fortin, & McKayla Haymes sang together in the choir very

beautifully.

The next Children's Mass will be the Christmas Eve, 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Please sign up early. We will be scheduling the volunteers for the altar servers for this Mass also.

Thank you so much for encouraging your children to volunteer to participate in these liturgical opportunities.